**Act 5, Scene 1**

1. When discrediting the young Athenians’ stories, Theseus says, “Lovers and madmen have such seething brains, such shaping fantasies, that apprehend more than cool reason ever comprehends.” Explain his meaning. Do you agree with this idea? Explain your answer.

2. Why does Theseus choose to see the play about Pyramus and Thisbe rather than the other entertainment options?

3. What evidence do we have that Theseus is a kind-hearted ruler?

4. How is Quince’s prologue reﬂective of what Theseus said in the lines referenced above?

5. Do you ﬁnd the newlyweds’ commentary during the play to be funny or annoying? Explain your answer.

6. In what way is Thisby/Flute’s ﬁnal speech humorous?

7. Write down the lines from Theseus’ last bit of text that show he actually enjoyed the play.

8. What wedding gift do Titania and Oberon give all three wedded couples?

9. What is the purpose of Puck’s ﬁnal speech? What’s ironic (and sort of silly) about Shakespeare ending his play this way?